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## Last stand

Knights finish off home stand with a match against Marshall — SEE SPORTS, A8



**Mock madness**  
UCF Mock Trial Team gets ready for regional competition — SEE NEWS, A2



### SAFETY

#### TIME TO CALL THE MAYTAG MAN

Feed Me!



A 4-year-old boy got stuck when he climbed into his family's top-loading washing machine, and firefighters had to use a metal cutter to slice into the appliance to get him out. Donovan Hasseman, who wasn't hurt, was wedged up against the agitator with a knee folded against his chest.

### LAWS

#### NO SOUP FOR YOU

A state lawmaker wants to ban restaurants from serving food to obese customers. "I was trying to shed a little light on the number one problem in Mississippi," said Republican Rep. John Read. More than 30 percent of adults in Mississippi are considered obese. The state House Public Committee chairman, Steve Holland, said he is going to "shred" the bill.



AROUND CAMPUS, A2

#### TRANSFER KNIGHTS HOLDS FIRST MEETING TODAY AT 1:30 P.M.

The group Transfer Knights will be holding its first meeting of the semester today from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Key West C of the Student Union. The meeting gives transfer students the opportunity to get involved.

LOCAL & STATE, A2

#### DEVELOPER ACCUSED OF FRAUD AFTER TAKING \$24 MILLION

Two developers face fraud charges after authorities say their company took \$24 million in deposits for Central Florida homes that were never built. Platinum Properties Inc. co-owners David Weiker and Lawrence Maloney each posted bail after their arrests.

NATION & WORLD, A4

#### RAIN, SLEET AND SNOW LASH MUCH OF THE NATION ON TUESDAY

Thunderstorms and snowstorms spread across the eastern half of the nation Tuesday, making travel miserable for voters in states holding primaries and causing flooding that chased some people from homes in Indiana.

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

**MOSTLY SUNNY**  
**85° 64°**  
HIGH LOW



Researchers at UCF are using markings at intersections to help law-abiding drivers avoid running red lights. Tests show that drivers are three times less likely to run a red light where markings are present.

## Putting a stop to the go

Marks make intersections safer

LEAH GRICE  
Contributing Writer

In August 2007, Orlando city officials released details of a proposed ordinance that would use cameras at certain intersections to catch and fine red-light running motorists.

Under the proposal, the fine would be \$125 for the first offense, the same amount for the second and \$250 for the third.

Bills filed this year by Bradenton Republican Rep. Ron Reagan and Sen. Mike Bennett would allow cities and counties to impose a \$125 fine against the owner of a vehicle photographed running a light. The measure would be dubbed the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act.

— WWW.FLHOUSE.GOV

UCF researchers are trying to increase traffic safety and decrease red-light running with two simple words: "signal ahead."

In a study conducted by the Center for Advanced Transportation Systems Simulation, researchers have placed the words "signal ahead" along Alafaya Trail, just south of its intersection with Gemini Boulevard.

The markings, which were placed in September 2007, are to help drivers make educated decisions when approaching a traffic light.

"We hope the markings on Alafaya Trail will enable drivers to make faster and better decisions about what to do at a yellow light, making the intersection safer for all drivers," said Essam Radwan, executive director of CATSS.

Crashes directly associated with red-light running resulted in an estimated 805 fatalities nationwide in 2005, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Although Alafaya and Gemini is not considered a deadly intersection, the test site had an average of 10 red-light violations per hour before the markings were placed, according to preliminary testing.

The testing showed that drivers were three times less likely to run red lights when the words "signal ahead" appeared on the roadway to guide them.

The center initially began its study by testing various markings in a driving simulator at the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

It also compiled data at the test site prior to placing the markings on the pavement. Researchers monitored traffic, vehicle speeds and the number of red-light violations.

In addition, researchers discussed the two most important elements regarding the markings: location and understandability.

"We decided that if we were going to test it in the field, we would have to put it in a vulnerable intersection where many

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## Speed a factor in fatal crash

FHP report fills in more details

ROBYN SIDERSKY  
& JESSICA SUNDAY  
Staff Writers

A crash report released Monday by Florida Highway Patrol revealed details of the fatal accident in Ocala on Jan. 26 that killed a UCF student and four of his friends.

The report concluded that Joshua Ammirato, 18, was driving about 120 mph as he approached the north end of Greystone Airport and hit a runway light, vaulting off Runway 36.

Ammirato, James Hime, Isaac Rubin, Dustin Dawe and Jacob Casey were all pronounced dead at the scene by Marion County Fire Rescue between 3:55 and 3:56 a.m. All five men were ejected from the vehicle when it struck two trees, splitting the car into two

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Ammirato

## Stressed nurses increase turnover

KELSEY HINTON  
Contributing Writer

Health care, especially in the retirement mecca of Florida, is a topic of particular concern this election season.

What makes America's health care prices soar? UCF Health Services Administration professor Lynn Unruh may have an answer.

According to her recent study hospitals and patients can benefit from lower costs if an appropriate nursing staff is maintained.

Unruh said there are cyclical shortages in the industry, but it is becoming more problematic as Baby Boomers hit retirement age. While the medical needs of Florida's aging population are expected to increase, the nursing supply is expected to decline, according to the Florida Hospital Association's 2004 report.

Just 10 years ago, it was quite the opposite.

"The supply was there, but the hospitals didn't want them [nurses] because they were cutting costs," Unruh said.

Unruh, a former pediatric nurse of more than 25 years

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## Jordan princess supports exchange program

MICHELLE DENDY  
Contributing Writer

One UCF director was the key to creating a student-exchange program between UCF and a university halfway around the world.

Issa Batarseh, director of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, moved to the U.S. from Jordan when he was 18. In 1991, he turned down a job offer in Australia and decided to teach at UCF.

Six years later, Batarseh returned to Jordan to teach at the prestigious Princess Sumaya University for Technology (PSUT) on a Fulbright Scholarship, creating a link between UCF and PSUT.

Three weeks ago, Princess Sumaya Bint El Hassan, chair of PSUT, and UCF College of Engineering and Computer Science Dean Neal Gallagher negotiated an agreement that would allow UCF and

PSUT students to participate in an exchange program.

PSUT has already sent more than 12 students to UCF in the past decade, while UCF has sent two. But now, with the student exchange agreement intact, Batarseh hopes that more UCF students will have the opportunity

to travel to Jordan and study at PSUT.

"I appreciate John Hitt's goal to give UCF students a chance to study abroad," Batarseh said. "Being in a different environment makes them see the world differently. PSUT

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**AT** ON A7



Dean Neal Gallagher and Princess Sumaya finalize an exchange agreement.

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## AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

### Transfer Knights holds first meeting

The group Transfer Knights will be holding its first meeting of the spring semester today from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Key West C of the Student Union.

The meeting gives transfer students the opportunity to find out how to get involved on campus and more. Those interested in attending must RSVP to transferknights@gmail.com.

### VUCF presents Give Kids the World

Volunteer UCF will participate in Give Kids the World Winter Wonderland Party Thursday from 2:45 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Those who are interested in volunteering should meet in front of the Visual Arts Building to carpool. For more information, contact vucf\_health@mail.ucf.edu.

### Date auction held Thursday

The Office of Student Involvement will be holding the fourth annual Knight-Thon Date Auction Thursday from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., located off campus at Devaney's Too.

Dates will include attraction tickets, movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates, comedy club tickets and more.

All the proceeds will go toward the Greater Orlando Children's Miracle Network. For more information, contact KTFundraising@mail.ucf.edu.

## LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

### Developer accused of fraud after taking \$24M, not building homes

**CASSELBERRY** — Two developers face fraud charges after authorities say their company took \$24 million in deposits for Central Florida homes that were never built. Platinum Properties Inc. co-owners David Weiker and Lawrence Maloney each posted bail after their arrests.

Authorities say the company took \$30,000 deposits from nearly 580 buyers. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement says the money was used to finance Weiker's and Maloney's personal lives and their grown children's expenses.

Weiker denies any wrongdoing. In Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings in October, the company blamed Polk County water restrictions and permitting issues for construction delays.

### Bay County man confesses to killing parents with hunting rifle

**FOUNTAIN** — In a 911 call released Monday, a 25-year-old man calmly tells a dispatcher that he shot and killed his parents and is waiting for deputies to arrest him.

"Hey dog, I killed my mom and dad," Ricky Morris told the operator, who remained on the phone with Morris for nine minutes Sunday night, talking with him until officers reached the rural home and arrested Morris without incident.

"Matter of fact, I'll be waiting

PLEASE SEE **LOCAL** ON A4

## LET US KNOW

The *Future* wants to hear from you. If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to 407-447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@centralfloridafuture.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Friday for the Monday edition, 5 p.m. Monday for the Wednesday edition, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for the Friday edition.

# TRIALS & JUBILATION



Mock Trial Team 870 is preparing to compete against 19 other teams from surrounding universities at the East Coast Regional Friday. This will be the first time UCF will host.

## Team prepares for regionals

**NICOLE WILLIS**  
Contributing Writer

The Mock Trial Team at UCF is gearing up to host, for the first time ever, the East Coast Regional Competition for the American Mock Trial Association.

In order for a school to host a regional competition, it must go through a bidding process in which several universities compete by submitting to AMTA a proposal arguing, in essence, that their school is the most qualified to be the host. The competition has been hosted by Florida Agricultural Metropolitan University for the past 10 years.

"We won the bid this year, and it was the first time UCF had ever posted a bid," said Mock Trial Team president Tiffany Colbert. "It was a wonderful surprise, and it's an honor to host it."

The East Coast Regional will take place Friday through Sunday in the Health and Public Affairs Building and will welcome 19 teams from surrounding universities, including Florida State University and Georgia Institute of Technology.

Representatives from three law schools will also be in attendance: Barry University, St. Thomas University and Florida International University.

UCF's jurists are divided into three individual teams: Team 868, 869 and 870. Team 868 is captained by legal studies major Brenna Egan; 869 by senior legal studies major Chris Arter and 870 is led by Michael Zeiler, a political science major.

Over the weekend, one of UCF's three teams competed in the South Atlantic Regional at Furman University

in Greenville, S.C. Team 870 placed third overall against 11 other universities.

Team 870's witness, Marcus Rein, 21, won the All Region Witness award, a prize he'd won twice before. Prosecuting attorney Amanda Wright, 21, won the All Region Attorney award.

"I really wasn't expecting it at all," said Wright, a legal studies major. "We all deserve awards like that. We all work so hard."

Team 870 has only been working together since August, and most of them had no prior trial experience, said the Mock Trial Team's adviser, Margarita Koblasz, a legal studies professor.

"For them to have gone to regionals and face seasoned teams and still come in third is pretty amazing," she said.

Team

870 will now proceed to one of 20 national tournaments in March. If they place in the top three, they will advance to the National Championship Tournament in April.

In November, one of UCF's teams won first place in the John Donovan Division at the Second Annual Crimson Classic Mock Trial Invitational Tournament, hosted at Harvard University. Team 868 finished in first place in what AMTA's Web site called a "selectively competitive tournament." The team beat 13 schools, including Princeton, Yale and Harvard.

UCF's other two teams also com-

peted in the invitational. Team 868 members Egan and sophomore Erica Emas earned Outstanding Attorney Awards and Team 870 member Rein earned an Outstanding Witness Award with a perfect score.

Competitions usually consist of four rounds, in which the competing teams take turns defending and prosecuting, presenting their cases and questioning their own and the other team's witnesses. Aside from the absence of a verdict, the time-constricted rounds and a limit of three witnesses per side, the competitions attempt to closely mimic a real trial.

"This is about as close as you can get to practicing law without a law degree," Zeiler said. Zeiler said being on the team has prepared him for law school and for being an attorney, giving him confidence in public speaking and abilities to analyze facts and think on his feet. The experience has also presented a vast number of networking opportunities for him.

"It's like a part-time job," Zeiler said. "The best part is winning your case because that makes it worth all of your late nights and missed homework assignments."

Team president Colbert, who also volunteers at the Public Defender's office, wants to attend Stetson Law School for its trial advocacy program and has acquired valuable experience through the Mock Trial Team, she said.

"I used to think I wanted to do contract law," Colbert said, "but now that I've learned how to litigate, I love it, and I want to do it as my career."

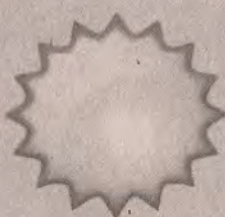
Aside from putting into practice the material she learns in her law classes, Colbert said her favorite part of being on the team is the fellowship.

"It's very tight-knit," she said. "We all like to argue, and we're very competitive."

Students interested in trying out for the Mock Trial Team should visit www.trialteamucf.com.



## LOCAL WEATHER



**Today**  
**MOSTLY SUNNY**  
High: 85°  
Low: 64°

### TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Mostly sunny. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
Tonight: A 20-percent chance of showers after 11 p.m. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.



**Thursday**  
**CHANCE T-STORMS**  
High: 76°  
Low: 57°

**Friday**  
**CHANCE SHOWERS**  
High: 75°  
Low: 53°

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# Focus the Nation holds teach-in

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Contributing Writer

Focus the Nation at UCF, an organization devoted to global-warming solutions, promoted climate change with a teach-in Thursday.

At the event, Orange County Mayor Richard Crotty unveiled a new solar energy system at the Orange County Convention Center.

"This is the largest campus teach-in on global warming in campus history," said Crotty, a UCF alumnus. "It's great to see so many students here getting involved."

The Orlando Utility Commission and the OCCO will be implementing a photovoltaic energy system, or solar power, which will help to improve energy efficiency, Crotty said.

"The solar photovoltaic system is also protecting us from inflation," he said. "Why? Because there is no fuel charge."

Crotty said the system will be able to produce one megawatt of energy, which is enough to power about 100 homes.

"Because of its size and growth, Florida ranks third nationally in energy consumption," said Vivian Garfein, director of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Garfein added, "This photovoltaic system will not only be the largest in Florida, it's the largest in the southeastern United States. We are in the heart of the Sunshine State. It makes perfect sense for us to take advantage of Florida's most viable trade: the sun, the rays."

Crotty said that the new energy system is low-maintenance and highly reliable. By switching, Orange County will reduce its dependence on fossil fuels, as well.

"To see this happening here in our own hometown, led by our mayor, Rich Crotty, it's just absolutely wonderful,"

UCF alumnus Sen. Lee Constantine said. "I am just so happy and pleased to be in the forefront of this movement that will change our economy for the future and make it better for both the environment and the economic development and certainly for our entire safety of our planet."

Tom Kimbus from the U.S. Department of Energy said that society has changed its way of thinking about energy.

"There's a revolution going on, a revolution in terms of how we think about energy," Kimbus said. "This is not just a switch in fuels, such as how we switched as a culture from wood to coal to natural gas and to oil. ... We're instead thinking about the consequences of our actions."

Katie Porta, OUC board president, also announced that OUC would be opening a new, energy-efficient building this fall.

"Our new home will be the greenest building in downtown Orlando," Porta said.

The building will use solar power and other environmentally friendly features.

Attendees at Focus the Nation were also given a tour of the Student Union's green roof, a sectioned-off area of the roof supporting native plants.

The area is watered using runoff water from the roof. Matt Kelly of the Stormwater Management Academy said that it saves 44 percent more energy in the summer and 49 percent more energy in the winter. He said it is not only energy- and water-efficient, but it is nice to look at as well.

A group of the Student Sustainability Alliance at UCF called Eco-Advocates petitioned to get signatures to institute a "green fee."

"It would be a 75 cents-per-credit-hour fee that students would pay to fund more sustainable practices, like getting bike trails, more recycling, solar panels, local and organic foods, that type of thing," said Eco-Advocates member

Rebecca Rashkin, the sustainability assistant for the Environmental Center.

Eco-Advocates will need 6,000 signatures before its proposal can go to a referendum election.

The group also put on a recycled fashion show later in the day.

Dandelion Communita Cafe also tabled at the event to discuss organic and locally grown foods.

The cafe uses clear cups made from corn that look like clear plastic. They also have a solar-powered worm compost where they put all the waste from their cafe.

Hunter Lovins, named *TIME* magazine's Hero for the Planet in 2000, opened with a presentation called "Drivers of Change: The Business Case for Sustainability and Protecting the Climate."

Lovins presented information about how businesses such as Wal-Mart and manufacturers such as DuPont are succeeding financially by making changes to reduce their carbon emissions and becoming more energy efficient and eco-friendly.

"Our society depends on reinventing how we make everything," Lovins said.

The event also featured a raffle for prizes provided by donations, an all-day environmental film festival by the Sierra Club and an environmental book sale.

The UCF Arboretum had many plants decorating the Pegasus Ballroom, as did other environmental organizations.

Focus the Nation also planned an interactive webcast called *The 2% Solution* about global climate change solutions but ran into technical difficulties.

"I am so pleased to see the broad range of interest and commitment to clean energy," said Penelope Canan, professor of sociology and the faculty adviser for Focus the Nation at UCF. "I'm proud of UCF."

# Hydrogen car awes students

**ZACH PARDES**  
Staff Writer

Students crowded around with their camera phones ready as they watched pure water drip from the exhaust of a Ford Focus on Thursday.

"It's absolutely amazing," said 20-year-old psychology major Richard Henriquez. "You could literally put a glass under the tailpipe and be left with nothing but a pure glass of water. The car made me realize just how ridiculous and wasteful a typical gasoline engine really is."

The hydrogen fuel-cell car provided by Progress Energy, Ford Motor Co., the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Department of Energy was part of an alternative fuel and car exhibit at Focus the Nation, a UCF-hosted and sponsored national teach-in on global warming solutions. The exhibit also featured two conventional hybrid cars and one plug-in hybrid Toyota Prius, capable of charging its batteries using a household electrical outlet.

James Pooler, energy services adviser for Progress Energy, said hydrogen cars are going to be the future of transportation.

"They have so many advantages over hybrid vehicles," Pooler said. "Hybrids reduce the amount of emissions, but they are still internal-combustion engines. Hydrogen cars don't pollute at all because they produce nothing but water vapor. The worst you may have to deal with is the occasional puddle in your driveway."

The display car, a 2002 Ford Focus sedan, is one of only 30 Ford fuel-cell vehicles in the world and features a 4-liter, Kevlar-reinforced hydrogen tank designed to withstand the impact of a seven-story drop. Each tank of hydrogen gas, costing about \$60, gives the 88-horsepower car a 200- to 230-mile range.

"The cars don't make a lot of economical sense right now because of the cost of hydrogen," Pooler said. "But when Detroit decides to build [hydrogen cars], energy providers will take care of the rest. They will produce cheap, affordable hydrogen because financially it is in the companies' best interest."

Freshman Kristin Lewis said she is excited about the technology, regardless of its high cost.

"I'm really glad that different car companies are trying to build cars that are more environmentally friendly," Lewis said. "It's so refreshing to see corporations contributing to a global problem that a lot of people are just ignoring. I just hope the price decreases because I would love to buy one."

Despite hydrogen technology's promising environmental benefits and future cost effectiveness, not everyone was impressed with the alternative fuel solution.

"It just doesn't seem like this is ever going to take off," said Scott Ketcham, 21, a UCF business major. "There are so many obstacles and kinks that are going to have to be worked out, and who knows if Americans are going to buy into the whole idea. Somebody is going to have to convince an entire country to go cold turkey on gasoline."

While Ford enthusiasts may have to wait 10 years for a hydrogen-powered Focus that is available to the public, the rest of the country may only need to wait until year's end to own a hydrogen car. America could see the first hydrogen Honda as early as the summer, Pooler said.

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## LOCAL &amp; STATE

FROM A2

by the gate. I ain't got no guns or nothing," he told the Bay County Sheriff's Office dispatcher, who asked him to clarify what had happened.

"They're dead buddy," Morris told the unidentified dispatcher. "They just got shot, you all come by and pick me up."

Later, Morris said he wanted to kill his brother, who was not home at the time. He said his parents had abused another family member and that his parents wrongly claimed he suffered from schizophrenia.

Morris was living with his father as a condition of his probation on a firearms charge. Court records show he had been arrested several times on felony charges and has been committed in the past to a state mental institution.

In a statement released late Friday, Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen said child protection investigators found Morris' abuse allegations unfounded.

According to police reports and initial autopsy results, Raymond Morris, 51, was shot twice in the face and Debra Morris, 50, was shot once in the head. In the 911 call, Morris said his parents were crying when he shot them.

"If my brother don't come home everything's fine, but if my brother comes home I've got one little bullet," he said.

The dispatcher asked Morris if he was expecting the brother and whether he had the gun with him outside. Morris answered no to both questions.

"They deserved it in the name of God, they deserved it," Morris later told the dispatcher, who again worked to calm Morris.

"Well my deputies don't deserve it, so I'm glad you put the gun down. That's the main thing," the dispatcher said.

As deputies arrived, the dispatcher instructed Morris to lay on the ground.

"I'll tell you what, God bless you. You pray about this, OK," Morris said.

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

## Pres. Bush's Legacy: A reluctant friend of higher education

WASHINGTON — President Bush's proposals on such topics as toughening accreditation standards and limiting the use of embryonic stem cells in research may not have made him popular in academe over his two terms. But his willingness to spend federal money on many of colleges' priorities might improve the perception of his higher-education legacy.

The president's final, \$3.1-trillion budget plan, which he released on Monday, continues to propose significant increases for many programs important to colleges, including Pell Grants and physical-sciences research, even while it recommends substantial cuts in other areas, particularly for health care.

Bush's budget plans for the 2009 fiscal year, which will begin in October, may not end up getting very far. The Democratic-controlled Congress could delay making final decisions about spending until a new president takes office. Nevertheless, the priorities in this latest budget reflect President Bush's tendency to recommend substantial amounts of support for higher education, at least on some fronts, since he took office in 2001. This final budget, for instance, proposes an 18.5-percent increase in spending on Pell Grants, continuing a series of requests during his second term to bolster student aid.

In his final budget, the president is encouraging lawmakers to restart a drive to double spending for physical-sciences research to spur economic growth, but he has proposed no increase at all for the National Institutes of Health.

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## NATION &amp; WORLD

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Deer grazed for food through the wet snow and fog Monday on the grounds of Cedar Park Cemetery in Calumet Park, Ill. Rain and snow hit much of the nation hard Tuesday.

## Rain, sleet and snow lash much of the nation on Super Tuesday

DELPHI, Ind. — Thunderstorms and snowstorms spread across the eastern half of the nation Tuesday, making travel miserable for voters in states holding primaries and causing flooding that chased some people from homes in Indiana.

Snow spread out of Colorado on a path across the central Plains. Up to 11 inches of snow was possible in parts of Wisconsin.

In warmer air, a band of rain and thunderstorms extended from Oklahoma up the Ohio Valley to New York state.

Snow or rain fell during the morning in parts of Super Tuesday states Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York and Oklahoma.

That band of stormy weather was headed toward the Southeast, with a threat of damaging wind, hail and a chance of tornadoes in places, worrying Tennessee's election coordinator.

"You never know what type of weather issue you may have," said Brook Thompson.

It could be much worse. Voters heading to party caucuses in Alaska faced lows of 50 degrees below zero, with more than a foot of new snow in Juneau, the state's capital.

Officials in two northwestern Indiana counties urged people who live along the Tippecanoe River to evacuate Tuesday after heavy rain fell during the night.

High water closed roads in other parts of northern Indiana and flood warnings and watches were in effect for much of the state.

On Tuesday, thick fog covered much of Illinois, closing Chicago's Midway Airport for much of the day and canceling hundreds of flights at O'Hare International Airport. Snow and sleet were expected Tuesday.

In California, two skiers who disappeared near Lake Tahoe during a weekend storm were rescued Monday. In Southern California, a 53-year-old hiker was found Monday on Mount San Jacinto a day after she was reported missing during the storm.

## Secret footage in Holloway case considered admissible in court

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — A hidden-camera interview with a Dutch student saying missing teenager Natalee Holloway was dead and that he had a friend dump her body at sea is admissible in court, the chief Aruban prosecutor said.

The courts in Aruba will likely accept the tape as evidence because it was recorded by a private citizen without any influence by authorities, Chief Prosecutor Hans Mos told reporters Monday.

"I take it very seriously," Mos said of the video.

The tape, which was first broadcast Sunday on Dutch television, has appeared to spur the investigation: Mos said authorities in the Netherlands searched two homes Monday where Joran Van der Sloot has lived while attending college there.

A judge in Aruba denied a prosecution request to detain Van der Sloot based on the new information. Mos said they will file an appeal Tuesday and expect a decision within a week.

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## 6 teachers arrested for alleged rape of student in Western India

AHMADABAD, India — An 18-year-old student accused six of her college tutors of rape in western India, police said Tuesday after arresting the suspects.

The young woman said the six men had raped her several times in the past four months on the campus of the Primary Teacher's Training College in Patan, Gujarat state, local superintendent of police Raghvendra Vats said.

The men were arrested Monday but not charged, and a court ordered them to be held for seven days while police investigated the allegations, Vats said.

The victim also claimed the teachers photographed her using mobile phone cameras and threatened her with dire consequences if she told anyone about the attacks, Vats said without elaborating.

More than 90 female students have complained to the college principal about sexual harassment at the school, but this was the first formal complaint against teaching staff, he said.

College principal K.T. Poraniya was not available for comment Tuesday.

As news of the rape and molestation claims spread across the campus Monday, angry students and their families went on a rampage and attacked the accused teachers and damaged furniture, local media reported.

Sexual abuse and rape are often taboo subjects in conservative India and experts say such crimes often go unreported because of the shame associated with them.

## Rebels battle with govt. troops for third day in Chad's capital

N'DJAMENA, Chad — Rebels seeking to oust Chad's president kept to the fringes of the capital Tuesday amid sporadic gunfire, an exodus of hundreds of thousands, and hopes that incoming mediators could resolve the bloody latest chapter in the oil-rich African country's long-standing conflict.

A Chadian official declared the fighting a "direct war" with the Sudanese president — repeating claims that Sudan is backing the rebels, while a rebel chief insisted that they were ready to launch a new offensive into the capital where they battled army forces Saturday before drawing back Sunday.

The death toll was not known, but more than 1,000 were reported wounded, and nearly half of the 700,000 residents of the capital were said to have fled. Bodies lay on the streets of N'Djamena, and the hulks of burned out tanks and other vehicles stood abandoned.

The fighting in Chad has threatened to further destabilize an already violent swath of Africa that borders Sudan's war-ravaged Darfur region. On Monday, the U.N. Security Council authorized France and other nations to help Chad's government. France has 1,800 soldiers backed by fighter jets in its former colony.

High-level officials and diplomats from the Republic of Congo and Libya were to arrive Tuesday on an African Union mediation mission, the republic's Foreign Affairs Minister Basile Ikouebe said Monday in Brazzaville. They would meet with both sides, and France had agreed to protect the mediators, he said.

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# World-renowned researcher makes UCF his home

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One of the most innovative minds in the world — placed in the same category as Einstein and Galileo — works right here at UCF.

Part of the National Academy of Sciences in Italy, Henry Daniell, professor and researcher of molecular and microbiology, was inducted into the group based on his revolutionary work in life sciences.

The Academy was founded by Galileo and has had such members as Benjamin Franklin and Louis Pasteur.

But Daniell had to work hard to gain the recognition that he enjoys today.

Born and raised in India, Daniell came to the U.S. in 1979. Having earned a full college education and a Ph.D. at the University of Madras in India, he expected to excel here.

When he first arrived, scientists wrote criticisms, expressing doubt in his experience.

"They weren't able to evaluate the education in India because they weren't familiar," he said. "I didn't have a track record in this country, which was a true criticism."

He said it was a catch-22 for him.

"How are you going to establish yourself in your country if you aren't given the opportunity to do it?" he said.

The criticism and doubt disappeared after three or four years when he was able to publish his works in "the most prestigious journal in the world," the journal of the Italian National Academy of Sciences.

"So, I was able to publish in that journal once a year," Daniell said. "People say they are lucky to publish in that journal once in their lifetime."

The president of the Academy, after supporting Daniell's publications, invited him to Harvard University, where he stayed for six months.

Not only did Daniell get to publish several articles in the journal for the Academy, but in 2004, he was awarded membership to the Academy.

Daniell said he almost threw away the membership letter because it was written in Italian.

"Don't ever throw anything into the trash without opening it," said his wife, Shobana Daniell.

When he did read it, he realized he'd been elected to the Academy.

He is only the 14th American to receive the award in its 222-year history.

"I have no idea how that happened," Daniell said.

Before he became a member of the Academy, Daniell got his start at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1980 because it was the "best place in the world for the type of research I do," he said.

People at the university also wanted him because of his work in India. His Ph.D. thesis was sent to the United Kingdom and the U.S., so UIUC already knew the impact of his work.

"I had no idea people knew me at Illinois," he said.

Daniell's food habits also received criticism from his peers when he first came to the U.S.

"They used to call me sissy," he said, because he was a vegetarian and didn't drink alcohol.

He described his first fast food experience as a vegetarian in the U.S.

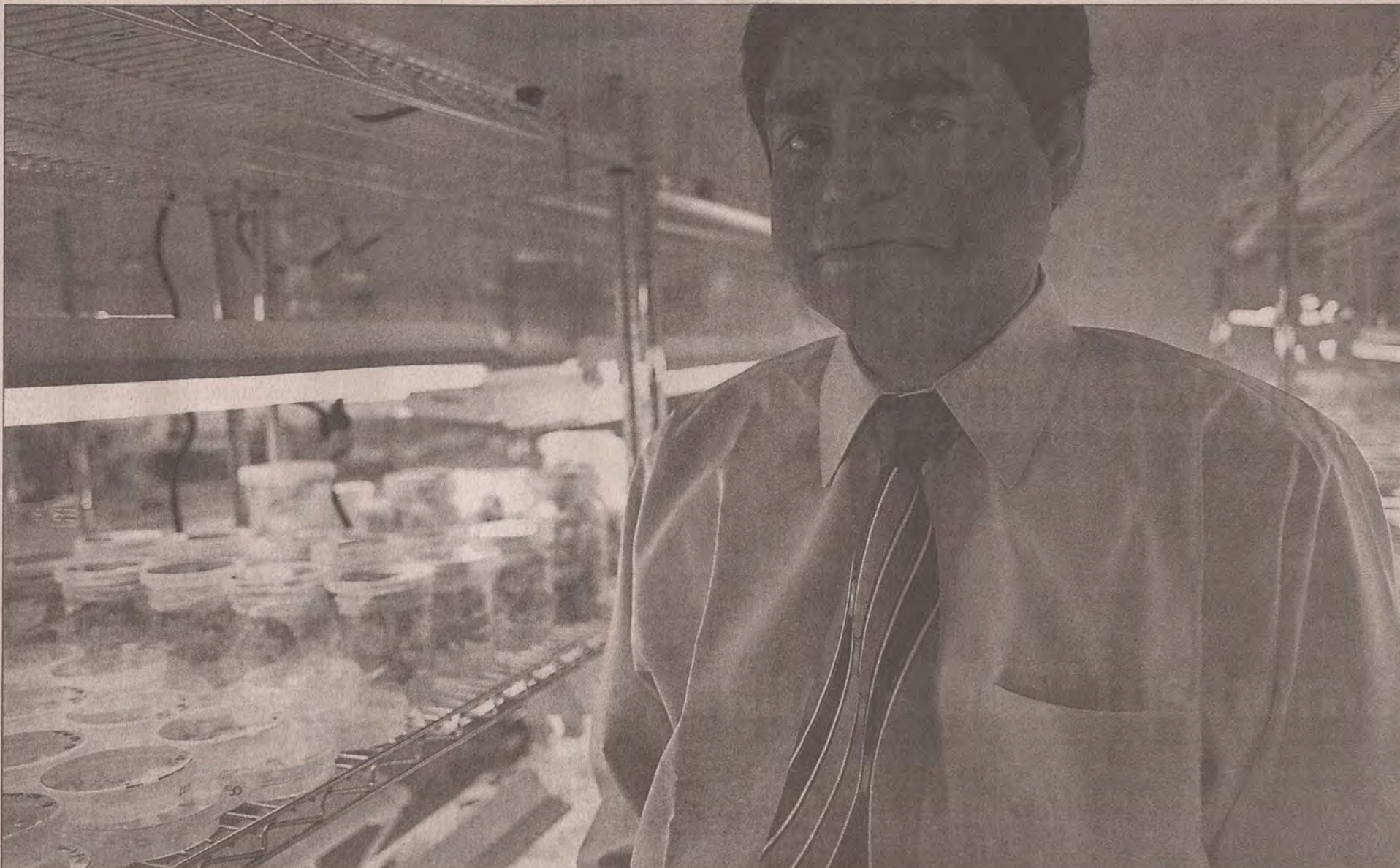
"They took the meat and gave me the bun," he said. "[Back then], there weren't a lot of choices."

At his first Thanksgiving dinner at UIUC, Daniell and some of his colleagues celebrated at a friend's house. The host had a big wine cellar, but after everyone made their choices, Daniell chose Coca-Cola.

"They made fun of me," he said.

Daniell's food and drink habits changed a little over time.

"The first time I drank beer, I hated the taste so



UCF professor Henry Daniell has been at UCF since 1998. In his lab, he has created and improved seven of the World Health Organization's top 10 vaccines. He regularly travels the world, conducting human clinical trials for the vaccines.

much I had to rush to the bathroom and wash out my mouth several times," he said. "I hated it — it was like a spoiled food flavor. I guess you develop a taste for it."

After UIUC, Daniell moved around the country to a few other universities before coming to Orlando.

Coming to UCF in 1998 helped Daniell take his work a lot further, and while here, he has earned several titles. He is a UCF Trustee Chair, an Honors College Distinguished Professor and the 2004 recipient of the UCF Pegasus Professor Award, the most prestigious honor the university gives to a faculty member, according to UCF News and Information.

Here, he also has enough space to do his research. His lab employs more than 20 people, and several new vaccines have been developed in it.

"It offered me enough space to grow," he said.

Along with creating and improving seven of the top 10 vaccines of the World Health Organization, he has written more than 40 scientific articles, including several that graced the covers of top journals in the field.

"Just having a paper is great, but they feature it on the cover [sometimes]," Daniell said.

He is also the technical founder of the first biotech company, Chlorogen Inc. Currently, the company is developing a vaccine for ovarian cancer, a disease that can kill women in a matter of days.

With the millions of dollars that pour into his lab, Daniell said he has adequate resources to complete the focus of his work, which is to create "low-cost vaccines and bio-pharmaceuticals."

Daniell said that he also enjoys teaching. He said that he especially enjoys teaching undergraduate science courses, even though most people in his position would teach only graduate courses.

"I love the challenge," he said. "At the graduate level, they've already made up their minds. I am painfully aware that we don't do a good job in the U.S. of getting students excited about science."

He also trains graduate students and helps several of them get their master's degrees and postdoctoral fellowships in life sciences. Seventeen students have received Ph.D.s under Daniell's guidance since 2000.

He said that one student stands out in his memory.

Coming from South Africa, Sagadevan Mundree was a student whose dream was to attend the University of Cape Town in South Africa — but there was one problem. Mundree wasn't even allowed into the

school.

After getting a Ph.D. at UCF, he went back to Cape Town, and the university hired him as a faculty member. Now he is an adviser to Nelson Mandela and has continued to excel in his work.

"That is one of the most successful stories of my students," Daniell said.

Tracey Ruhlman, a graduate student earning her Ph.D. in biomolecular science, is in Daniell's lab now. She was invited to UCF after meeting him while she was getting her master's degree at the University of New Orleans.

"He was great to be around," she said, and now, being 40 years old, she is relaxed around him. "The way I relate to him is different than younger people."

She said she wouldn't have come to Daniell's lab if she didn't believe in his work as much as she does.

"He's unbelievable. He's like a machine," she said. "He's phenomenal. This lab is phenomenal."

She is helping with projects such as pest resistance and biology products, along with putting out the vaccines that are currently undergoing human clinical trials.

The clinical trials require Daniell to travel a lot because they are conducted around the world. He recently traveled to Taiwan, Bangkok, Bombay and New Delhi with Ruhlman.

Even though Daniell travels mainly for work, it is also part of his other passion.

"I love anthropology," he said.

He said that seeing different cultures in the 80 or 90 countries he's visited always leaves him fascinated with "what drives them."

In Taiwan, for example, the people chopped snakes in half and drank their blood. This shocked Daniell and Ruhlman, and they never tried it for themselves.

Daniell said he also had to train himself to use chopsticks because that was what everyone used to eat WITH.

"I was thrilled when I got on the plane and saw a fork," he said. "There are so many habits we take for granted."

Except for his travels, Daniell's long days at work don't allow him to see much outside of the lab.

His wife of 10 years said that she is there "to help make his 15-hour days into 12-hour days."

She said: "I do all the homework."

Along with writing for the UCF campus-wide magazine for South Asians, she does the taxes, accounting and sometimes climbs on the roof to make repairs.

When she is in the lab, she tries to get her husband out of the chemical-filled

rooms for a walk around campus to relax and "recharge their batteries," she said.

Daniell said he loves coming to work every day.

"When I get up, I can't wait to put on my shoes and get to the lab," he said. "It's exciting to see if someone says, 'Oh, I found this.'"

The man behind the research knows the daily struggle of his work, but he said he does it because it is his passion in life.

"If a scientist is only driven by awards, the scientist

will truly never succeed," he said. "Very early in my career, I learned not every day is going to be a picnic in the

park.

"If people can drink snake blood, anyone can get used to anything."

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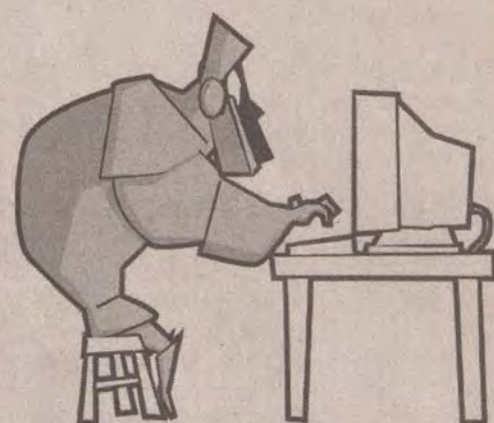
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# Markings less distracting than signs, flashing lights

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people run red lights," Radwan said. "It just so happens that we are testing it outside of the university. Being close to the university, we have a biased population because most of our drivers are students, but we are hoping to see positive results."

Radwan said that the toughest thing to decide when preparing the study was the appropriate wording for the

markings.

Various sayings were tried in early experiments, and out of these, "signal ahead" proved to be the most effective in helping drivers to make responsible decisions about whether or not to stop when a light turns yellow, Radwan said.

With the correct wording in place, graduate research assistant Noor Elmipiny said the markings would provide a guideline for those who want to

be safe drivers.

Elmipiny said that motorists who have passed the markings when the light turns yellow have enough time to safely travel through the intersection. Drivers who have yet to reach the markings when the light turns yellow should prepare to stop.

"Some people are confused and cannot make the decision on whether they will be able to stop or not," Elmipiny said. "The markings are for those

people who want to follow the rules."

Elmipiny also said that the markings are better than other methods, such as roadside signs or flashing lights.

"Most of those things have been tried before, and they are known to confuse the driver," Elmipiny said. "It takes their eyes off the road and detracts from safe driving. We are trying to come up with an alternative so they don't have to take eyes off the road where they should be."

Rick Morrow, district traffic operations engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation, said the markings are also intended to aid drivers.

"It is the critical point whether to stop or go," he said. "The faster you are driving, the more time you will need to stop. By placing the markings down, people will be able to identify which side of the line that they are on."

With funding help from the Florida Department of Transportation, phase two of the study began and the markings were placed in the intersection. Further data was collected without introducing or informing the public of the new device.

"We wanted to see if people noticed it or if it changed driving habits," Radwan said.

The third and final phase is currently underway, with the continuing collection of data and the introduction of the markings to the public. Through a media campaign and fliers, the center is informing the public about the markings and their purpose. Fliers are currently being passed out around campus and Siemens, two of the main traffic sources in the area.

"There was little data prior to our research," said Jack Selter, director of CATSS, "and through the new data we will

be able to provide a more informed decision-making process. Red-light running is an issue not only in our state, but all over the country. We are hoping to show that there is a benefit."

When the tests end in April, the data will be compared to another test site at Alafaya Trail and Central Florida Boulevard, which does not have any road markings.

Through their data collections and comparisons, researchers said they are hoping for successful results, enabling markings to expand to other intersections and possibly other cities.

"If we prove that it works, I hope that we can try more than just the one intersection in the future," Elmipiny said. "This is really great for research and if it works, I think everyone will start to use this model. It looks like it might be successful."

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## Only 1 rider wearing seat belt in crash

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sections.

Ammirato, a freshman studying health sciences, was a member of a BMW online forum called m5board.com. On this Web site, he asked for advice on how to get his 2008 BMW M5 to surpass the car's top-out speed of 140 mph. He wrote on the board that he hoped to get the car up to 170 mph.

The car was registered to Ammirato's father, Santo Ammirato.

According to the report, Hime was wearing his seat belt while the other three passengers were not. The report does not reveal whether Ammirato was wearing his.

Police are still awaiting the results of a toxicology report to determine if alcohol was a factor in the crash. The report could take between 30 and 60 days to be released.

## LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY FACTS:

Black History Month is more than a time for African-Americans to showcase significant figures such as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mohammad Ali, Rosa Parks, and Maya Angelou. There is a deeper meaning to this month than just emphasizing on the historical struggles and the constant resistance to the dominant discourse enacted by the Black community.

**Black History Month is more than Twenty-eight days (sometime 29) it's a LIFETIME EXPERIENCE.**

Throughout the Month of February, the African American Awareness Council through the Multicultural Student Center will publish a series of "Little Known Black History Facts and Figures." This will hopefully be an informative way to introduce the UCF community to the many historical contributions from individuals of African descent.



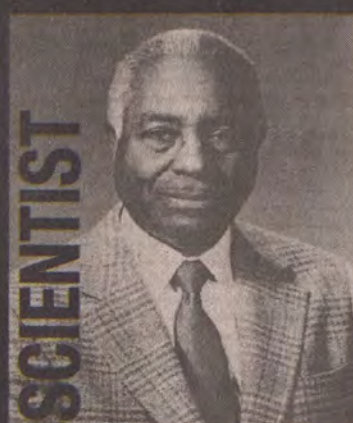
## DR. WALTER S. McAFEE: FIRST TO CALCULATE THE SPEED OF THE MOON

Dr. Walter S. McAfee was born in Ore City, Texas on September 2, 1914. He became a well established African American mathematician and physicist that contributed a significant amount of accomplishments in his respected fields of study. He was a vital team member of Project Diana, a US Army space program that was created to determine if high frequency radio signals could be transmitted from earth to space.

On January 10, 1946, radio signals were successfully sent to the moon from earth. This major development was solely due to Dr. McAfee's calculation of the speed of the moon

Although he wasn't credited for this scientific breakthrough at the time, it must be emphasized

that he was the first to calculate the speed of the moon and if it wasn't for him, Americans would not have been the first to walk on the moon.



## JOHN MERCER LANGSTON: OHIO'S FIRST BLACK LAWYER

John Mercer Langston was born on December 14, 1829 in Louisa County, Virginia. His father was a white planter and his mother was an emancipated slave. At the age of five both his parents died and he was sent to live with his family in Virginia. John Langston was able to attend Oberlin College, where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

He then went on to organize the National Equal Rights League, encourage blacks to join the Union during the Civil War, and help set up the law department at Howard University.

As a black man living in the eighteen hundreds, he was barred from attending law school. Through the guidance and support of Philemon Bliss, he was able to study law and sit



for the bars. In 1854, Langston became Ohio's FIRST black lawyer. John was a strong advocate for the empowerment and advancement of African-Americans. In 1855 he became the FIRST EVER elected black clerk in the United States.



# At least 2 undergrad students can travel to Jordan

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allows UCF students to expand their horizons while improving their career prospects."

At least two undergraduate UCF students of any major will be able to travel to Jordan and enroll in a one- to two-semester program or summer program.

Students will receive the option of cultural training and Arabic language classes, although all instruction is taught in English. One week will be allotted to tour Jordan and sightsee at places such as Petra and the Roman Ruins. All expenses are covered, excluding travel.

According to the agreement, one electrical engineering major and one computer science major from Jordan will be selected. Each has to be in the top 1 percent of his class. They will spend two semesters at UCF and will have opportunities such as internships at Disney and Petra Solar, a company that is working on new methods for solar electricity.

The exchange program isn't a brand new idea, though. The program was intact from 1997-2002 when two UCF students traveled to Jordan and 12 PSUT students were sent to UCF. But after the Sept. 11 tragedy, it became difficult traveling to and from Jordan

**"I appreciate John Hitt's goal to give UCF students a chance to study abroad."**

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so student interest in the exchange program decreased.

Not everyone stopped traveling. In 2002, PSUT student Ruba Amarin came to UCF as part of the exchange program.

Amarin studied at UCF under the direction of Batarseh for one year. She went back to Jordan to complete her undergraduate degree and is currently in the graduate program at UCF.

"Being in the exchange program was a great experience for me," Amarin said. "For the first time in my life I was independent and able to work and study at the same time. The year I spent at UCF was probably the best year of my whole life."

Jordanian students must go through a rigorous process to be accepted into the exchange program. They must take two exams, one being an English-



Princess Sumaya Bint El Hassan spoke with students following her presentation at the Harris Corporation Engineering Center. An exchange program was finalized earlier this year.

level exam, and rank in the top five among their colleagues. Students must then be interviewed by professors in their field of study and are evaluated academically and personally.

"I've always dreamed of coming to the United States. Everyone always does," Amarin said. "It is the most popular country in the world. I am very grateful to be here and be a part of society."

One of the best benefits of the exchange program is that it helps with recruitment for the electrical engineering and computer science graduate program at UCF.

While the exchange students are at UCF, professors will evaluate the progress they make and possibly ask them to apply for the graduate program.

"When you recruit international students, you bring expertise from around the world," Batarseh said. "You can't find the best engineers in the world by only looking in your backyard."

Omar Amarin, Ruba Amarin's brother, is another of the many international students in the graduate program. After finishing his five-year undergraduate degree at PSUT, Omar Amarin enrolled in UCF's computer engineering graduate pro-

gram with the encouragement of his sister.

"I learned a lot about networking and got experience working with people," Omar Amarin said. "We don't do many group projects at home."

Omar and Ruba Amarin agreed that one of the best parts of studying at UCF is getting a glimpse at the American lifestyle.

"There are so many things to do here, like the parks, the nightlife downtown and all of the different sports," Omar Amarin said. "I learned how to play tennis and basketball here. Life is nothing like that back at home."

UCF students who are interested in participating in the exchange program can look for recruitment meetings later this spring. For more information on the PSUT, visit [www.psut.edu.jo](http://www.psut.edu.jo).

## Increasing nursing staff can cut cost

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with a master's degree in economics, examined the financial implications of maintaining the recommended registered nurse-patient ratios. Her study concluded that an adequately staffed hospital can save lives and money.

Understaffed hospitals have historically reported high employment turnover rates, and replacing qualified medical personnel is costly.

Florida Hospital Association reported a total of 5,342 vacant registered nurse positions in their February 2004 study and a turnover rate of 10 percent in their 2006 Workforce Staffing report.

In their 2004 report, the cost of hiring and training a new nurse was estimated at \$160,000. Unruh said these costs include training of the new nurse, reduced productivity as time is allocated to the training, class time, on-the-job training, hiring costs, bonus incentives and termination costs from the previous nurse.

Understaffed hospitals also place strain on hospital staff, resulting in lower-quality care that leads to additional treatment and longer hospital stays. This also means higher bills that make insurance prices rise.

Jolene Spears, a registered nurse of 15 years, said she has seen many nurses come and go during her time at Halifax Medical Center. Currently working in the critical care unit, Spears said that the immense stress placed on short-staffed nurses is a major reason for the high turnover rate.

"They [Halifax] demand mandatory overtime because of the shortage," she said, "and there's less patient care because you don't have the time to give your patients."

Spears said the shortage of nurses leads to medication errors, patient falls and improper assessments.

Julie Caudill, a registered nurse for 18 years, said she is disheartened by the nursing scene. Working in the emergency room at Halifax Medical Center, Caudill said the

shortage leads to "staff burnout and a lot of nurses leaving the field."

She also said she blames low pay as a major deterrent for well-trained personnel.

"They're not offering retirement and benefits to nurses anymore," she said.

She also said that nurses, who are paid hourly, "are being sent home because the census is down."

The situation is driving away both aging nurses concerned with retirement and new nurses.

"They [nurses] get their experience and take off to where they can make more money," Caudill said. "I used to spend month after month training new nurses.... I got to the point where I refused to do it."

To supplement her nursing income, Caudill works for a nursing registry, which pairs nurses with medical facilities and a travel agency, YTB Travel Network.

If the proper nursing levels were maintained, the money lost from losing stressed nurses and supple-

menting costly turnovers could be spent in other areas. This money could aid those unable to afford health insurance, which Unruh said is some of the most expensive, with the least coverage in the industrial world.

Under the current system, the medical bills of the 16 percent of Americans without health plans are forwarded directly to taxpayers. Because those without coverage are forgoing regular visits essential for detecting time-sensitive conditions, medical professionals are denied the opportunity to administer preventive care, which Unruh said is financially and medically preferable to regular treatment.

Unruh suggested that a universal health care system similar to Canada's "would lower our overall costs and, for the average American, lower their own health care costs."

She identified lack of accessibility to health care as yet another factor causing America's high health care costs.

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## Schedule

MEN'S TENNIS  
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2 P.M. (HOME)

The Knights will take on the rival Hatters, a team UCF hasn't beaten since April 2005.

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
MARSHALL

TONIGHT

7 P.M. (HOME)

The Knights will meet the Blazers in a matchup of teams who need to make a move in Conference USA. The Knights have lost three in a row while the Thundering Herd have fallen in three of their past four games.

WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL  
UAB

TOMORROW

7 P.M. (HOME)

Coming off a loss to East Carolina on Saturday, the Knights will look to get back on the winning track against the Blazers. Although UAB is just 10-11 overall, they are 6-2 in conference play. The Knights have lost seven of their first eight C-USA contests.

SOFTBALL  
ILLINOIS STATE

FRIDAY

4 P.M. (HOME)

The Knights open their 2008 season at home against the Redbirds in the UCF Tournament. The Knights were picked to finish third in the C-USA preseason coaches poll.

## N.C. STATE

FRIDAY

6 P.M. (HOME)

UCF will face the Wolfpack in the second game of a doubleheader. North Carolina State were ranked as high as No. 23 in a USA Today poll last season.

# KNIGHTS TRY NOT TO BE CAUGHT IN STAMPEDE

BRIAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

UCF Forward Tony Davis scored 11 points and had six rebounds in the Knights' 84-81 loss to Houston on Saturday night. Players such as Davis have stepped up in the absence of center Stanley Billings, who has sat out UCF's past three games with an elbow injury.

Any team in any sport anywhere goes through each season with a series of ebbs and flows. For the UCF Men's Basketball team, its season-opening victory over Nevada and their 4-0 start in Conference USA certainly was a flow. But now the Knights are certainly stuck at a low ebb.

After a stretch of smooth sailing for the first two weeks of conference play — two road victories, a triple-overtime win and the absolute destruction of a good UTEP team — the Knights have lost three consecutive games.

The small streak began with a surprising loss to an SMU squad that was winless in C-USA. The Knights tried to restore order with home games against Houston and UAB, two of the conference's best teams. While the Knights came close in both games, the end results were not what they wanted.

The Knights (11-10 overall, 4-3 in Conference USA) slipped from second to sixth in the C-USA standings and tonight, their three-game home stand wraps up with a meeting with Marshall.

The Thundering Herd sit one notch below UCF on the C-USA leaderboard, ranked seventh at 11-9, 3-4 in conference play. They have lost three of their past four games and are coming off a 74-55 loss to UAB. The Blazers dominated the game, forcing the Herd to miss 15-of-18 first-half shots and gaining a 42-22 rebounding advantage for the game.

The Herd pulled out a 72-65 overtime win against Tulsa prior to the UAB game. The contest marked the return of the Herd's leading scorer, forward Markel Humphrey, who scored 12 points on 6-of-8 shooting.

Humphrey had missed the past three games with a stress fracture in his foot. Humphrey didn't start versus UAB either, but any points he can contribute are welcomed on a team that ranks in the bottom three of Conference USA in scoring offense and field-goal percentage.

Guard Darryl Merthie picked up some of the slack

during Humphrey's absence, scoring in double figures all three games. Guard Mark Dorris is second on the team with 13.6 points per game. He has scored at least 10 points in 10 of the previous 11 games, and he ranks third in C-USA with 34 steals.

A win versus Marshall is crucial for the Knights for a couple of reasons. One, they need to find a way to get off this losing streak and earn some confidence for the second half of the conference schedule.

Second, a loss to the Herd means that UCF will carry a four-game slide into Memphis on Saturday when it faces the undefeated and undisputed No. 1-ranked Tigers.

The Knights are 0-5 all-time against Memphis and have lost their meeting in each of the past two seasons by an average of more than 20 points.

But that's not until later this week. Of course, the Knights will need guard Jermaine Taylor — the conference's second-leading scorer — to perform well if they want to have a chance against the Herd. But the Knights will also need a complementary scorer and that role has been filled by many faces lately.

Dave Noel had scored in double figures in seven of the previous eight games before being limited to four points against Houston on Saturday. Mike O'Donnell has turned into a very streaky shooter, and came into the game against the Cougars in a shooting slump. Then, he made four consecutive 3-pointers in the second half. The Knights have to hope that success carries over to tonight.

The Knights have also gotten solid contributions out of their forwards and centers, like Tony Davis and Kenrick Zondervan. They have received more playing time and opportunity due to the absence of injured center Stanley Billings.

Davis has averaged 11 points and nearly six

PLEASE SEE **CONTEST** ON A10

## Knights prepare for UAB tomorrow

RYAN BASS & PADRICK BREWER  
Staff Writer and Sports Editor

If there are two statistical categories that have told the story for the UCF Women's Basketball team this season, it's been turnovers and rebounding. In the first two games of a four-game home stand this past weekend, both were factors in the Knights registering a loss.

UCF, which leads Conference USA in rebounding margin and second-worst in the league in turnover margin, fell in overtime to Marshall 77-75 on Thursday and got blown out by East Carolina 80-66 in front of a New UCF Arena crowd of 1,457 on Saturday.

The Knights (8-13 overall, 1-7 in C-USA) are tied for last place in the conference standings.

"We know that conference play is going to be a lot tougher," UCF head coach Joi Williams said. "What our basketball team has to understand is that we are young, but people are going to come in and play physical because, if you watch us, it's not hard to see that we're not really comfortable with that."

UCF will look to find that comfort zone when it faces UAB at home tomorrow.

The Blazers (10-11 overall, 6-2 in C-USA) head to Orlando

PLEASE SEE **UAB** ON A9

UCF guard Marshay White drives against an ECU defender during the Knights' 80-66 loss Saturday night at the New UCF Arena. White has scored in double digits in three consecutive games, sporting a 14.6 points per game average during that span.

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UCF 4 | FGCU 3

# Knights clip Eagles to get first win of season

ZACH PARDES  
Staff Writer

The UCF Men's Tennis team earned its first victory of the season with a 4-3 win over Florida Gulf Coast University at the UCF Tennis Complex on Sunday.

FGCU came out strong, winning the first doubles match of the day, but UCF responded quickly by winning the No. 2 doubles spot. Sinan Sudas and Claudio Romano managed a close 9-8 triumph against Mikkel Muller and Ervin Garibovic.

The Eagles were able to earn the doubles point with a 9-7 win over Brock Sakey and Johan Beigart at the No. 1 spot.

The Knights broke open the match in singles play with three consecutive points, the first of which coming from Sakey. He easily defeated Danny Lee 6-0, 6-1 at the No. 5 spot in a match that lasted less than 50 minutes.

Beigart struck next for the Knights at the No. 2 spot with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Brenton Bacon.

Romano gave UCF its third consecutive point with his first win as a Knight. Romano claimed a 6-1, 6-2 victory against Garibovic on the No. 4 court.

UCF sealed the meet with a No. 3 win by Sudas over Muller. Sudas won by a 7-5, 6-1 score.

The Knights had plenty of

## GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

### GRABBING THEIR FIRST

Both the men's and women's teams beat Florida Gulf Coast on Sunday. It was the first dual-match win for both squads this season. Both are now 1-1.

### SWEEPING VICTORY

The women's team dominated the Eagles, winning all singles and doubles matches. FGCU won just nine games in the four matches from the No. 3 spot to the No. 6 spot.

support in the stands with a large, supportive home crowd excited to watch UCF get its first team win.

"I was glad to see our guys fight back today after a tough match against Florida," UCF head coach Bobby Cashman said in a press release. "I really think it shows the resiliency this team has. The support we had in the stands was great and I am excited to be able to open our season at home with a win."

Men's tennis action continues today with a home match against Stetson at 2 p.m.

The men's turn on the court was delayed due to the women's match that was part of the doubleheader.

The women also took on FGCU, although their 7-0 win was more decisive.

The Knights began by dominating the doubles matches, highlighted by Anna Yakimchenkova and Kenza Belbacha's 8-0 blanking of

Brett Kinley and Leah Johnson.

At the No. 1 spot in singles, Elvira Serrot beat Maria Branicka 6-1, 6-7 (3-7), 1-0 (10-6) in what would be the closest FGCU got to a win.

An the No. 2 spot, Kyla McNicol beat Maria Maggiorini 6-4, 6-4 to move to 7-3 in singles for the season, the second-best mark this year for the Knights.

From the No. 3 spot to the No. 6 spot, the Knights shut down the Eagles, who won just nine games in those four matches.

Belbacha crushed Johnson again in singles, cruising to a 6-1, 6-0 victory.

The dual-match win was the first for first-year head coach Stephanie Nickitas, who said that it was good to get a home win.

"It was great to play at home," Nickitas said in a press release. "I feel like I have been here for awhile now and haven't been able to compete



UCF's Nikolas Overkemping lost to FGCU's Ricardo Hernandez 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-5) at the No. 1 spot Sunday. The Knights beat the Eagles 4-3 for their first win of the season. Overkemping is now 0-5 on the season and has lost both of his matches at the No. 1 spot.

on our home courts. So we were all really excited about that.

"We want people to feel that it's really difficult to come here and play us. And it was awesome that it was hot outside today. It's a good precursor for playing in Orlando, and this was the type of environment and conditions that we like to play in."

Next up for the women is a match against Florida State in Tallahassee on Saturday at 11 a.m.

## UAB's Diamond to give UCF rough time

FROM A8

coming off an 80-76 overtime loss to Houston on Sunday. But UAB has won six of its past eight games, with its only other defeat being a three-point loss to a UTEP team that is undefeated in conference play.

One key to a UCF victory will be its ball management. The Knights are averaging 22.5 turnovers per game, by far the worst in C-USA. They had 27 turnovers against Marshall, even though they played one of their best games.

"Turnovers have really been a nemesis for us all year long," Williams said. "Sometimes we have to learn the hard way as far as doing the little things —

making pass fakes and being sure with the ball — but we will get better at it. We just have to learn that those critical things can bite you late in the game and that's what happened to us tonight."

The Knights did fix their turnover problems slightly against the Pirates, turning the ball over only 18 times.

A big part of the Blazers' defense — and their overall attack — is senior Diamond Rogers.

Rogers averages 18 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. She leads the team in minutes, assists and is second in field-goal percentage.

She is one of three UAB players that average double-digits in points, although the Blazers average fewer points — 67.5 — than they

allow — 69.

The Blazers commit five fewer turnovers than the Knights per game and they average 7.81 steals. That could be a problem for the Knights if they don't quickly learn how to hold on to the ball.

But despite fixing their turnover problem for a night against ECU, the Knights faltered in rebounding.

The Lady Pirates outrebounded the Knights 50-32, including 19 offensive rebounds on their way to the 80-66 win. It was just the eighth time that the Knights were outrebounded this season.

"We haven't been outrebounded that many times this year — not that badly

anyway," Williams said. "Really, rebounding is something that we have been pretty consistent at all year long."

"I am a little disappointed because I never would have thought our rebounding would have broken down like that. That's something that we have got to be consistent with."

The Knights know that if they want to salvage the final two games of their homestand against UAB tomorrow and Memphis on Saturday, they are going to have to be smart with the ball and get back to being aggressive on the boards.

The Knights and Blazers are scheduled to tip-off at 7 p.m. tomorrow inside the New UCF Arena.

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# Texas Tech's Knight quits with 10 game remaining

**After 42 years, controversial coaches leaves in middle of season, son Pat to take over control of Red Raiders**

**BETSY BLANEY**  
Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bob Knight promised that when he finally decided to call it quits at Texas Tech it would be hard to find him.

The Hall of Fame coach stayed true to his word Monday.

After telling his sons, his bosses and his team of his resignation, Knight spoke to only one local newspaper about his shocking departure in the middle of his seventh season with the Red Raiders.

"He's ready," successor and son Pat Knight said during his weekly radio program. "He's tired."

Knight left during his 42nd year as a head coach with more wins than any Division I men's coach. Pat Knight inherits a team that is struggling at 12-8 and has 10 games remaining.

"This is my team, that's what he told me. He's done," Pat Knight said on his radio show. "He's got a lot of life left to enjoy."

Almost a decade after he was fired by Indiana, the school he led to three national championships — including one undefeated season not since matched — Knight walked away from college basketball.

It was a stunning mid-season move by Knight, who gave no hint a change was coming.

"There's a transition that's going to take place here from me to Pat and I've dwelt on this all year long ... how it would be best for him and for the team and for what we can do in the long run to make this the best thing for Texas Tech,"

## GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

### A YOUNG START

Bob Knight became the youngest coach in Division I when he started coaching in 1965 at Army. He was just 24 years old.

### A YEAR OF PERFECTION

In 1976, Knight led the Indiana Hoosiers to a perfect season and a national championship, one of three titles he won at the school.

### HOOSIER DADDY

Knight coached his son Pat at Indiana. Pat Knight went to Texas Tech in 2001 with his father and was named his successor in 2005.

### ENDING WITH 902

Bob Knight ends his career with 902 career victories, the most in Division I men's basketball history. He passed Dean Smith on Jan. 1, 2007.

Knight told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, which first reported the resignation.

Pat Knight, whose personality is more subdued than his father's fiery temperament, has been a head coach twice, a partial season with the USBL's Columbus Cagerz and a full season leading the Wisconsin Blast, which went 19-15 under him.

He played for Knight at Indiana and has been with his father since his arrival at Tech in 2001. He was chosen as his father's successor in 2005.

Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said Knight told the team before practice Monday. Though Knight won't be part of the program, his input will be available.

"If Pat wants to talk to him and to run something by him, I'm sure he will accommodate him," Myers told The AP. "Pat's ready to be head coach."

The 67-year-old Knight told Myers of his decision in a noon meeting Monday, Tech chancellor Kent Hance told The AP. Knight then called Hance and told him.

"I think Bob is through with coaching. I think he got

to the point where it wasn't fun for him," Hance said. "He thought about it Sunday all day and talked to his wife and decided 'This is something I want to do.'"

The Red Raiders beat Oklahoma State 67-60 on Saturday, giving Knight his 902nd victory. He earned No. 900 last month against Texas A&M.

Texas Tech next plays Wednesday night at Baylor.

"I guess you can never be surprised at some of the things Bob does," former UCLA coach John Wooden told the AP. "I don't think there's ever been a better teacher of the game of basketball than Bob. I don't always approve of his methods, but his players for the most part are very loyal to him. I would say that no player that ever played for him would not say he did not come out a stronger person."

Knight became the youngest coach at a Division I school in 1965 when he broke in at Army, but made his mark in his 29 years at Indiana, including the perfect season in 1976.

Knight is a complex pack-



Bob Knight stands next to his son Pat during the waning minutes of his 900th career victory on Jan. 16.

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age. He hit a policeman in Puerto Rico, threw a chair across the court, was accused of wrapping his hands around a player's neck and allegedly kicked his own son (Knight claimed he actually kicked the chair his son sat on).

But he never got in trouble for breaking NCAA rules. He

always had a high graduation rate and gave his salary back a few years ago after he arrived in Lubbock because he didn't think he'd earned it.

In September, Knight signed a three-year contract extension that ran through the 2011-12 season.

"I didn't know, I've never

really known when I was going to step down from this job," Knight said. "As I thought about it, my first thought was at the end of this season. My thinking was ... the best thing for the long run for this team would be for Pat and his staff to coach these remaining 10 games."

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## Contest with top-ranked Memphis looms

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rebounds in the past four games. Zondervan had a good all-around game against the Cougars with eight points, seven rebounds and a career-high six assists.

Another big man who has played well in place of Billings is Jean Michel Yotio. The trio of Davis, Zondervan and Yotio has gone 18-of-35 from the field in the past two games, giving the Knights some rare consistent production up front.

"Losing Stanley is certainly tough for our ballclub," UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said in a press release.

"He was really playing well and is a major part of our team. Kenrick and Jean Michel have done a good job in his absence. We need them to take care of their roles and be in the right places in order for us to be successful."

Yet it's the defense that is more worrisome for Speraw and his team right now. At least three Knights have scored in double figures during the skid, but it is going for naught because their defense has declined, allowing at least 80 points in three of the past four contests.

Scoring a ton of points is not one of Marshall's strengths, but the top offensive players for SMU, Houston and UAB have burned UCF recently. If the Knights can't find a way to limit Humphrey and Dorris, they might find themselves stuck with their first four-game losing streak since 2001. And with the Tigers in wait.


The Knights and Thundering Herd are scheduled to tip-off tonight at 7 inside the New UCF Arena.



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UCF guard Jermaine Taylor had 31 points against the Cougars on Saturday night. He ranks second in Conference USA and 14th in the nation with a 21.5 points per game average.

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## OUR STANCE

# Keep SGA race free of dirty tactics

In the middle of what seems like a never-ending political mudslinging contest on the national scene, the last thing that anyone really wants is the same thing at our own university.

It inundates our nightly news. What negative slang and slurs have been said by the candidates this time?

And for goodness' sake, what has Bill Clinton said about Barack Obama this week?

We are all forced to hear about it. It is inescapable.

The candidates for the Student Government Association president and vice president should not take their strategies from the people running for the president of the United States.

There are two tickets to choose from this go-around, and we want desperately for both of them to play nice and keep this campaign clean and positive.

All blows should remain above the belt.

Sadly, the last SGA presidential election was plagued with nasty accusations. Everything from physical and verbal assaults to bribery and purposeful rumor bombing was said to have happened at some point last year.

Please, for the sake of everyone involved, keep it clean this year. Don't even give the accusations a chance to form.

The fact of the matter is that mudslinging gets everyone dirty, not just the ones getting hit. It makes the entire process look bad and dilutes the real reason we are doing this: to elect the best representative for the common students to act as the voice for all.

This call reaches to the campaign workers as well. It is understandable that the amassed volunteer armies that both tickets have backing them and doing their grunt work will be extremely passionate about the candidates they support. This passion should be projected in a positive manner for the good of both tickets.

If you are wearing the T-shirt of a candidate and are campaigning for them, you are acting as a representative — a voice, if you will — for that candidate. Remember that as you are out around campus, trying to reel in student votes.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the freebies. Shirts, bandannas, pizza, key chains and trinkets are all very nice. However, they should not be used to try to buy votes. We want voters who are informed about the issues and will make a decision based on who they feel in their heart is the best choice.

"Oh man! They have pizza!" is

not a very good platform to base your vote on, no matter how good the pizza may taste.

Keeping a clean campaign is not limited to the physical realm either. Social networking Web sites are mighty powerful tools in today's tech-saturated culture. As we all know, with great power comes great responsibility.

Campaigners, don't go causing trouble online. By now there are probably more than a few Facebook groups devoted to each ticket. These groups are great. They let the candidates have a place to list their platforms and issues in a very organized manner, and also they can get almost instant feedback.

But, can we please make sure that these groups are not used as a place to virtually rabble-rouse?

Both the candidates on the ticket, as well as the people campaigning for them, owe it to the voting population of students to make this battle for the presidency a clean one.

Prove to everyone that a campaign can be run cleanly and efficiently without any mudslinging.

We hope that in a month we can report on how this election was run without any dirty tactics or ill feelings on either side.

Show the people running for the spot in Washington, D.C., how it is done.



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## SGA ELECTION DEBATE

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We are proud to announce that we at the *Central Florida Future* will be working with the Student Government Association for the 2008 SGA presidential debate.

What does this mean for you the reader? It means that we will be able to ask the candidates your valuable questions.

Why are we doing this? Because it is the perfect pairing of outlets. Both the *Central Florida Future* and the Student Government Association act as a voice for students, and we want to continue finding ways to expand this voice.

The goal is to have as many people at this debate as we possibly can. The candidates — Adam Giery and Austin Smith vs. Logan Berkowitz and Brandon Delanois — are stepping up, and in the end, one of them will be voted the leader of the student body.

You owe it to yourself to be an informed student and know the issues surrounding this election, and this debate is the best way to learn. You will be able to see the candidates in person, voicing their platforms and ideals in a healthy and democratic environment.

This year, not only will the questions be asked by the SGA itself, they will be asked by you, the readers of the *Central Florida Future*. We encourage all of you to send in your questions.

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# Don't make babies for fast cash

The new trend of supermarket, designer babies is coming disturbingly close to home as college students sign up to donate their eggs and sperm at an increasingly alarming rate.

We find two particularly disturbing things about these new baby donors, or as *The Boston Globe* puts it, "the debt donor." Problem No. 1 falls on the shoulders of the students who donate just for money. Problem No. 2 concerns the people who are advertising for Barbie-specific children.

We all know the typical financial struggles of a college student: tuition, loan and credit card burdens abound in many cases. But where landing a good-paying job and working to pay off debts and fees was once the norm, students, particularly women, are now turning to a method of instant gratification: egg and sperm donations.

The compensation? According to *USA Today*, sometimes up to \$35,000. The average seems to be around \$5,000.

The ethical and moral issues that arise from this business are pretty clear. Any logical person can see that cash-strapped students are selling precious pieces of their genetics to strangers to pay off debts. This is sad, folks, a dire shame, in fact.

It is one thing if someone agrees to donate their eggs or sperm to a close friend or family member, but it is something completely different when people begin to bargain their genes away for the highest price, as if eggs and sperm were a market commodity. Unfortunately, that is just what they have become.

However, donating eggs and sperm is a very personal experience and should be done for someone whom you are familiar with beyond a newspaper advertisement.

Whether it is because students don't want to work to pay off their debts or because they really don't care, we find this practice to be selfish and flat-out lazy. It may seem like a great plan now — almost anything that generates fast cash does — but the repercussions of donating yourself to a

stranger loom in the future, repercussions that many young women and men can't grasp at this hectic stage of life.

For women, there are health risks associated with donating eggs. For starters, you are prescribed medication to stop your ovaries' normal functioning. The risks associated with this include hot flashes, vaginal dryness, fatigue, sleep problems, body aches, mood swings, breast tenderness, headache and vision problems.

Then you begin "controlled hyperstimulation" to produce more eggs than is normal. According to the New York State Department of Health Web site, "occasionally, the medications cause more hyperstimulation than intended (known as ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, or OHSS). This will cause fluid retention and swelling of the ovaries. With mild OHSS, you may have abdominal pain, pressure and swelling."

Severe OHSS, although rare, includes symptoms of blood clots, kidney failure, fluid build-up in the lungs and shock, as well as possible life-threatening situations in which the ovaries must be removed.

Finally, in the egg removal process, a needle is inserted into the ovary and bleeding occurs. The Web site also states, "Although rare, it is possible to damage or puncture the bowel, bladder or nearby blood vessels."

Health risks aside, many donors have regrets later in life, knowing that they have a child in the world with their genes whom they don't know. The urge to find and meet that child could become incredibly strong and end in heartache.

The situation can also be reversed. Your child may find out about you and come to find you in the future. Imagine the stress of having a child you've never met — whom you created to pay off school loans — knock on your door 20 years down the road while you're eating dinner with your family.

These scenarios are not far-fetched and, with the number of young donors increasing, conse-

quences are bound to come at an increasing rate, too, as we come to see the rise of "Generation ?" — as in, "Where's my real parent?"

We understand the stress of debt and the uncertainty of a future outside of college, but selling a piece of yourself to bring life into this already overpopulated world with no reason other than the satisfaction of being debt free is a shameful act. There are other people to keep in mind, such as the child you are going to be genetically linked with forever. Being tempted in the face of a huge wad of cash is hardly the way to make a serious moral decision.

Yet, possibly even more disturbing are the couples that are narcissistic enough to advertise for a donor with specific "personality" traits so that they can concoct the perfect child.

For example, according to *USA Today*, "an ad from a San Diego broker called A Perfect Match, seeks women who are 'attractive, under the age of 29' and have SAT scores above 1300."

Not only are people seeking physical traits, but now personality and education are key factors to creating a child. Factors such as being highly intelligent, artistic or having a love of sports are now thrown into the petri dish with the popular blond hair and blue eyes.

According to *USA Today*, a couple said in an ad on Craigslist's Los Angeles site, "Donor ideally has artistic skills as intended mother is a talented oil painter and piano player."

Taken together, these acts of low morality and shallow standards could create a fictitious and machine-like brave new world of doll-like children who have no sense of where they come from, who they are or why they are all so eerily perfect.

We urge prospective student donors to look beyond the cash and beyond their college years — when money is inevitably tight — and see a broader picture that involves a living, breathing baby. Breaking the boundaries of morals and ethics, whether out of desperation for money or a child, should not be tolerated.

## Marriage Protection Act favors Christianity

Your recent article about the Marriage Protection Act is inherently flawed in its implication that the proposed amendment would be a violation of the free exercise clause. The government isn't telling gays they can't have a marriage ceremony. They can have 100 ceremonies if they so please; the Florida government simply won't recognize the marriage.

From what I can tell, this amendment would be a violation of the establishment clause. Look at it this way: I've never heard pagans, satanists, Asatruar or Buddhists cry out against the union of homosexuals. I'm sure some Christian gays have broken off to form their own more tolerant sects by now. So if homosexuals of other motivations enjoy unions completely endorsed by their religious brand, while the government recognizes only the straight unions and hands out hundreds of health and economic benefits only to them on the basis that these are the only unions that are truly in accordance with the Christian creed, how is that not a law respecting an establishment of religion?

This law does not have a secular purpose (being completely driven by religious motivations), expresses a preference for one religion's standards over others, and I can hardly imagine that it would hold up in the Supreme Court if they were to use the lemon test.

Why the Florida law hasn't been challenged in court already boggles my mind. Why gay rights activists haven't joined forces with the ACLU is yet another mystery to me.

HEIDI RAE HOSMER  
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## Kudos to less harmful, pot smoking students

Kudos to Daniel Valencia for addressing the hypocrisy in a society that allows the use of alcohol and punishes people for making the safer choice to use marijuana.

Not only are such laws and policies hypocritical, but they are also irrational and potentially dangerous.

Every objective study on marijuana has concluded that it poses far less harm to the user and to society than alcohol.

Alcohol use has been found to contribute to overdose deaths and serious long-term health problems, as well as violent, aggressive and reckless behavior.

ior. There has never been a single death attributed to marijuana overdose and there is no evidence that it leads to such social problems.

Yet people are continually steered away from marijuana and toward drinking. Laws make criminals out of adults who make the safer choice, and universities maintain policies that punish college students more for using the less harmful drug.

Students at the University of Central Florida are now taking action to address this imbalance in the school's alcohol and marijuana sanctions. A referendum is pending in the senate that seeks to equalize penalties for student alcohol and marijuana infractions, that way students are not compelled to drink to avoid stiffer punishments. It will likely be placed on the ballot for a campus-wide vote next month.

Similar measures have been adopted at a handful of major universities around the country, and it is hoped UCF will be the next to join the student movement toward more rational alcohol and marijuana policies.

These students should be applauded for taking a realistic approach to the college alcohol problem and making their university and the surrounding community safer.

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## Despite green campus theme, UCF lags behind

I agree with the article "Being 'Green' Requires Sacrifice" article. However I have a problem with the university's commitment. The unifying theme for this year is global climate change, yet our school isn't doing much to give a helping hand. If you live on campus, you realize that it's practically impossible to recycle. If you do find the single "plastics" or "cans" receptacle in your community, if there is one, it's usually filled to the brim already. There aren't even any garbage cans in the parking garages, which is a prime spot for strewn fast food bags and drink bottles. I'm not asking for recycling in there too, but even putting in a couple garbage cans would help tremendously. The students are already trying to do their part, but is UCF?

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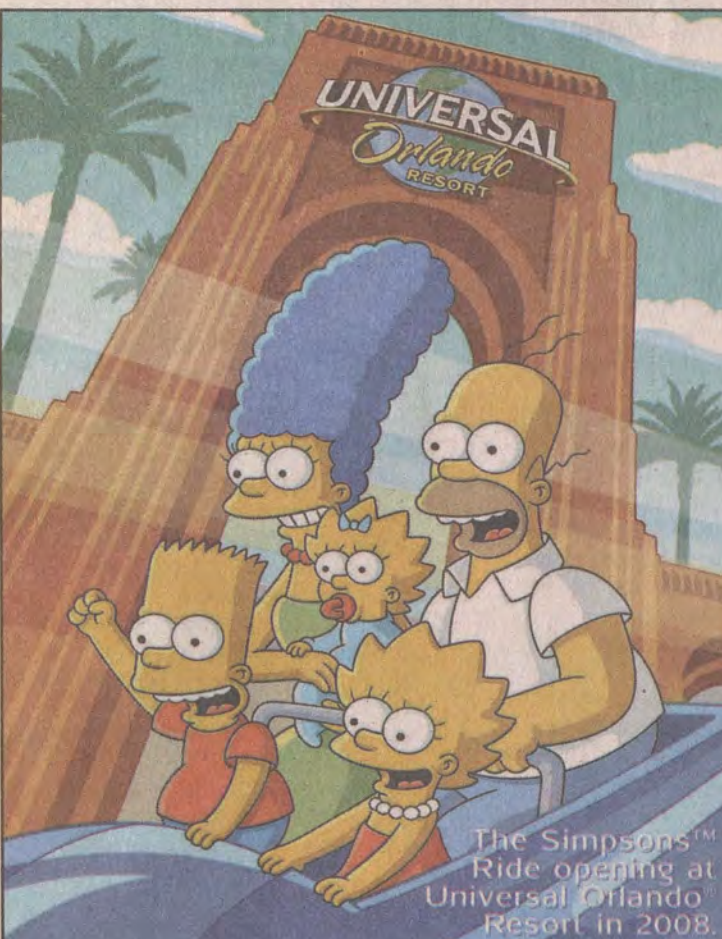
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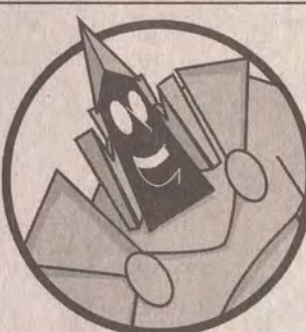
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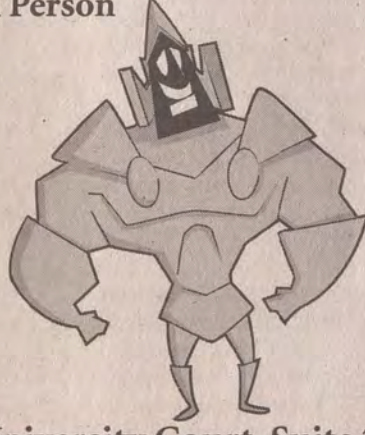
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**ACROSS**  
1 The Divine Bernhardt  
6 Black, in poetry  
10 Bundled package  
14 French river  
15 One Saarinen  
16 Cameo stone  
17 Structure starter?  
18 Set the pace  
19 Grimm beast  
20 Impedes  
22 More courageous  
24 Sports fig.  
26 Last to finish  
27 Spine place  
31 "The Name of the Rose" writer  
32 Roman greeting  
33 Requisites  
35 Game site  
39 Can toppers  
41 Respond  
43 TV's talking horse  
44 Flea to wed  
46 Portugal's neighbor  
48 Flit about  
49 Exist  
51 Turncoats  
53 Express again  
57 German wife  
58 Transistor parts  
60 Comes to terms  
64 Lot measure  
65 Coral's place  
67 Low joint  
68 Ogle  
69 March Madness org.  
70 Address  
71 Witherspoon  
72 Untidy condition  
73 Sicilian volcano  
74 Snake to count on?

**DOWN**  
1 Lost traction  
2 First-class  
3 Great Valley  
4 Take into custody  
5 Embolden  
6 Snake-like fish  
7 Signal sound  
8 Dental exams?  
9 Protuberance  
10 Avid reader  
11 Actress  
12 Harplike instruments  
13 Strain  
21 Scimitar's cousin  
23 Comic Imogene  
25 Shade providers  
27 Valley coursed by a stream  
28 Satan's realm  
29 Make over  
30 Alter to fit  
34 Head wrap  
36 Hence  
37 Within range  
38 Contributes  
40 Bedaubes  
42 Small crown  
45 QED part  
47 Falls for honeymooners  
50 Forever, in poems  
52 Revolved  
53 Domain  
54 Roast host  
55 Fathers  
56 Put up  
59 Connery or Lennon  
61 Supplemented  
62 Otherwise  
63 Tarot user  
66 CAB's successor

**SCRAWL CROW MSG**  
ROOKIE BOSE ANA  
ONWARD SALARIES  
EGG DONATES  
LOVESEATS SCARE  
APEX STATE KISS  
PARIS BELLE  
SLASHES ROOTERS  
TARTS BELIE  
GENE AESOP EASE  
OMENS PATTERNED  
APACHES TBA  
TIREIRON ORATOR  
ERE FINE ALBINO  
EER TEST TYCOON

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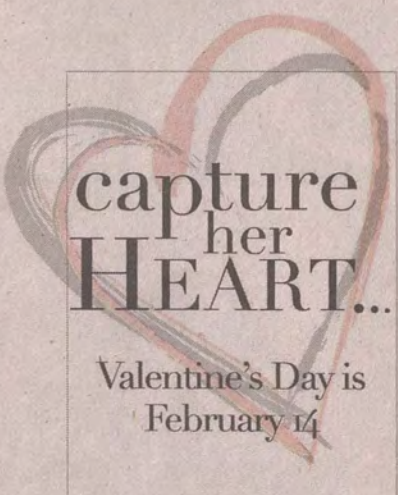




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